

TIPPECANOE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
October 21, 2013

The Tippecanoe County Commissioners met on Monday, October 21, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. in the Tippecanoe Room in the County Office Building. Commissioners present were: President David S. Byers, Vice President John L. Knochel, and Commissioner Thomas P. Murtaugh. Also present were: Attorney David W. Luhman, Auditor Jennifer Weston, Commissioners' Assistant Frank Cederquist, and Recording Secretary Tillie Hennigar.

President Byers called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held October 7, 2013, second by Commissioner Murtaugh; motion carried.

PRESENTATION OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHERS

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the accounts payable vouchers for October 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, 18, and 21 as submitted without exception, second by Commissioner Murtaugh; motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

Ordinance 2013-27-CM - 2nd Reading - Petition for Vacation of a Platted Easement, Winding Creek Subdivision

- Commissioner Knochel moved to hear Ordinance 2013-27-CM, second by Commissioner Murtaugh.

Attorney Luhman stated the Ordinance is for an easement currently platted in Winding Creek Subdivision. The easement will be vacated and alternate access will be provided.

President Byers invited public comment in favor of or opposed to the Ordinance. There were none.

Auditor Weston recorded the vote.

Byers	Aye
Knochel	Aye
Murtaugh	Aye

Ordinance 2013-27-CM passed 3-0 on second and final reading.

HIGHWAY – Opal Kuhl

Ordinance 2013-40-CM - 1st Reading - Amending Tippecanoe County Code, Chapter 72, Schedule 1 – Traffic Schedule regarding Speed Limits

Traffic Supervisor Mike Parks said the Ordinance will change the tables by extending the existing 35 mph zone on Jackson Highway between SR 26 and CR 475 W to approximately 3,400 feet west of CR 475. It also changes the existing 55 mph to 50 mph and establishes a new 40 mph zone on 475 W from Jackson

Highway to US 52. The Ordinance adds an existing 30 mph zone on Soldiers Home Road from Overlook Drive to Prophets Drive to the Ordinance table. It establishes a new 35 mph zone from Lorene Place to SR 43. It adds an existing 40 mph zone on CR 450 N from 800 feet east of CR 625 E to the Buck Creek Town limits.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve Ordinance 2013-40-CM amending the Tippecanoe County Traffic Code as presented, second by Commissioner Murtaugh.

President Byers invited public comment in favor of or opposed to the Ordinance. There were none.

Auditor Weston recorded the vote.

Byers	Aye
Knochel	Aye
Murtaugh	Aye

Ordinance 2013-40-CM passed 3-0 on first reading.

Bridge #141 Project, Right-of-Entry, Parcel #7, Scott Lods

Highway Director Kuhl said the request is for right-of-entry on parcel #7 of the bridge #141 project. The Highway Department is still working to obtain right-of-way. The property owner, Scott Lods, has agreed to sign the right-of-entry so construction can begin.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the right-of-entry request for bridge #141 as presented, second by Commissioner Murtaugh; motion carried.

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY – Pat Harrington

De-Authorization of Position – Request for New Position

Prosecutor Harrington requested a Receptionist position in Child Support be de-authorized and replaced with a Case Worker. The Receptionist job description hasn't been updated since 1998. The Receptionist does many jobs and is basically a Case Worker; multiple Case Workers rotate through the Receptionist area, answering phones, and serving customers at the customer service window. The difference in pay is \$4,932; however, 67% of the money is returned. The net impact to the County is \$1,644 plus taxes per year. The Receptionist position is a COMOT 1; the Case Worker position is a COMOT 3. Prosecutor Harrington said his 2014 budget will need amended.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the de-authorization of the Receptionist position in Child Support and replace it with a Case Worker position, second by Commissioner Knochel; motion carried.

Professional Service Agreement

Prosecutor Harrington requested approval for a Professional Service Agreement for Kathryn J. Redd. It is an annual agreement that has been in place since 2008 and is funded for 2014 from the Diversion Fund.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the agreement as presented, second by Commissioner Murtaugh; motion carried.

GRANTS – Laurie Wilson**Permission to Accept Grant**

Grant Facilitator Wilson said TEMA received notice of their annual allocation of grant funds and requested permission to accept the following grants:

\$50,000 from the Department of Homeland Security (IDHS) for the District Administrative Coordinator.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve permission to accept the grant for TEMA as presented, second by Commissioner Murtaugh; motion carried.

\$9,450 from IDHS for the County Emergency Operation Center (EOC) to purchase a smart board.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve permission to accept the grant for TEMA as presented, second by Commissioner Murtaugh; motion carried.

\$35,000 from IDHS for a local, state, or national full scale exercise projects in 2014.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve permission to accept the grant for TEMA as presented, second by Commissioner Murtaugh; motion carried.

\$24,558.39 from IDHS for district equipment.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve permission to accept the grant for TEMA as presented, second by Commissioner Murtaugh; motion carried.

\$30,000 from IDHS for district training.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve permission to accept the grant for TEMA as presented, second by Commissioner Murtaugh; motion carried.

HUMAN RESOURCES – Shirley Mennen**Contract Renewal with RE Sutton**

Human Resources Coordinator Mennen presented a renewal contract from RE Sutton for 2014, saying the annual premium has increased from \$12,600 to \$15,000.

- Commissioner Murtaugh moved to approve the contract with RE Sutton as presented, second by Commissioner Knochel; motion carried.

CHANGE ORDER FOR VILLA ADA PROJECT

Commissioners' Assistant Cederquist said the change order is for the Cary Home ADA project for the ramp on the back side of the building. The change order includes \$635 for a temporary hand railing, \$2,355 for a redesigned ramp, and \$470 for a landing at the foot of the ramp. The total for the change order is \$3,460.

APPOINTMENTS TO COMMON WAGE BOARD

Commissioner Knochel moved to appoint Jean Hall to the Purdue University's Common Construction Wage Committee and Frank Cederquist to the City of West Lafayette's Common Construction Wage Committee, second by Commissioner Murtaugh; motion carried.

UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS

President Byers stated an agreement with R. W. Armstrong, now known as CHA, for work at the Fairgrounds was previously signed and needs entered into the minutes.

REPORTS ON FILE

The following reports will be available in the Commissioner's Office.

Treasurer
Circuit Court

PUBLIC COMMENT

As there were no public comments, Commissioner Knochel moved to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 10:17 a.m.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
THE COUNTY OF TIPPECANOE

David S. Byers, President

John L. Knochel, Vice President

Thomas P. Murtaugh, Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Weston, Auditor

11/04/2013

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